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SUBJECT: CCD: THIRD MEETING, ROUND TWO, US/USSR BILATERALS ON CW, APRIL 5, 1977

1. SUMMARY: THIRD MEETING OF CW BILATERALS CONVENED AFTERNOON, APRIL5. USSR DEL EXPERTS MADE STATEMENTS ANSWERING SOME QUESTIONS PUT FORWARD BY USDEL AT APRIL 4 MEETING AND QUESTIONING US STATEMENT ON SCOPE OF PROHIBITION. US REP MADE BRIEF STATEMENTS ON FORM OF A JOINT INITIATIVE AND TECHNICAL EXCHANGE VISIT. END SUMMARY

2. THE THIRD MEETING, ROUND TWO, OF THE US/USSR BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS ON CHEMICAL WEAPONS (CW) WAS HELD AFTERNOON, APRIL 5.

3. USSR EXPERT (SOKOLSKI) MADE LENGTHY STATEMENT ELABORATING SOVIET VIEWS ON VERIFICATION AND RESPONDING TO SOME OF THE QUESTIONS POSED BY USDEL AT APRIL 4 MEETING. HE SAID THAT SINCE PRODUCTION OF CW AGENTS INTIMATELY CONNECTED WITH PRODUCTION OF CHEMICALS FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES, ALLOWING ON-SITE INSPECTION OF CW PRODUCTION FACILITIES GIVES THE CONFIDENTIAL

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INSPECTOR THE "CHANCE FOR VISUAL ACQUAINTANCE WITH PRODUCTION SHOPS" FROM WHICH ONE MIGHT DETERMINE THE NATURE AND SCOPE OF PRODUCTION ACTIVITIES WHICH HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH THE "PROBLEM OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS PRODUCTION." (HE ILLUSTRATED POINT BY SEVERAL EXAMPLES, SUGGESTING INTER ALIA THAT BY OBSERVING FACT OF LIGHTENING PROTECTION ON BUILDINGS, INSPECTOR COULD DEDUCE NATURE AND SCALE OF PRODUCTION IN

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FACILITY.) FOR THIS REASON, HE SAID, USSR DEL REJECTS ON-SITE INSPECTION IN FAVOR OF THE "LESS INTRUSIVE" METHODS OF CONTROL.

4. REITERATING APPROACH OF SOVIET PAPER ONVERIFICATION PROVIDED TO US DEL AT BILATERAL SESSION ON APRIL1, USSR EXPERT SAID METHODS FOR REMOTE MONITORING AND INDIRECT METHODS WOULD BE ADEQUATE FOR VERIFICATION PURPOSES. IN RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS US QUESTION WHICH EXPRESSED DOUBT ABOUT ADEQUACY OF PRESENT REMOTE MONITORING METHODS, SOVIET EXPERT LAUNCHED INTO EXPOSITION OF WAYS IN WHICH PRESENT SPECTROSCOPIC MONITORING TE HNIQUES COULD BE IMPROVED. STATEMENT FOCUSED ON USE OF SATELLITE BORNE LASER SPECTROSCOPIC SYSTEMS.

5. ALSO IN RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS QUESTION, USSR EXPERT CITED THE POSSIBILITY OF DETECTING CONCEALED TRANSPORT OF CW TO HIDDEN STORAGE SITE BY USING "ARTIFICIAL EARTH SATELLITE" HE SAID THAT "REAL POSSIBILITIES OF DETECTING SUCH INDIRECT SIGNS OR FEATURES SHOULD BE REGARDED AS A DETERRENT FACTOR IN THE FIELD OF CW STOCKPILING."

6. USSR EXPERT NOTED RECENT US STATEMENT ON CONFIDENCE BUILDING MEASURES CBM'S AND COMMENTED THAT USSR REGARDS INFOR-MATION EXCHANGE AS AN ELEMENT OF NATIONAL CONTROL WHILE US CALLS IT "CONFIDENCE-BUILDING MEASURE". HE ASKED FOR CONFIRMATION OF SOVIET CONCLUSION THAT AT LEAST US RECOGNIZES USEFULNESS OF DATA EXCHANGE AS ELEMENT IN A GENERAL SYSTEM OF CONTROL FOR CW BAN. USSR EXPERT ASKED IF CBM CALLING FOR STATES TO MAKE DECLARATIONS ABOUT POSSESSION OF CW STOCKS AND THEIR CONFIDENTIAL

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GENERAL NATURE ON SIGNATURE OF THE CONENTION WAS INTENDED TO BE AN ABLIGATION OR, AS USSR DEL THOUGHT, VOLUNTARY? HE ASKED ON WHAT LEGAL BASIS OTHER CONFIDENCE-BUILDING MEASURES, SUCH AS RESTRICTION ON CW TRAINING, WOULD BE IMPLE-MENTED-- VOLUNTARILY OR AS LEGAL OBLIGATION?

7. USSR EXPERT (DUMAEV) MADE BRIEF STATEMENT ON SCOPE OF PROHIBITION RE-EMPHASIZING SOVIET "POSITION OF PRINCIPLE" ON NECESSITY OF A COMPREHENSIVE BAN ON DEVELOPMENT, PRODUCTION AND STOCKPILING OF ALL CHEMICAL WEAPONS AND OR REQUIREMENT FOR THEIR DESTRUCTION "WITHOUT ANY EXCEPTIONS." HE SAID IT WAS WESTERN UNWILLINGNESS TO AGREE TO THIS APPROACH THAT SQUELCHED INITIAL PUSH FOR COMPREHENSIVE BAN AND LED TO STAGE-BY-STAGE APPROACH BEGINNING WITH BAN ON MOST DANGEROUS LETHAL AGENTS. HE NOTED ROUND I PRODUCED COMMON VIEW ON TOXICITY CRITERION TO SEPARATE CHEMICALS WHICH WERE PATENTIAL LETHAL AGENTS AND THOSE WHICH WERE NOT. USSR EXPERT SAID USSR WELCOMED CHANCE TO BAN INCAPACITANTS AND ASKED IF US DEL INTENDED THAT INCAPACITANTS WOULD BE COVERED

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IN THE INITIAL STAGE ALONG WITH "MOST DANGEROUS, LETHAL AGENTS" OR AT SOME LATER STAGE. HE ALSO SAID THAT USSR BELIEVES CW CONVENTION WOULD COVER "NEW" CHEMICAL AGENTS AND WEAPONS AS WELL AS "KNOWN" ONES. IN CLOSING, USSR EXPERT ASKED IF USDEL WAS PREPARED TO ACQUAINT USSR DEL WITH ITS "MORE SPECIFIC" PROCEDURES FOR DETERMINING TOXICITY FOR "EACH ROUTE OF ADMINISTRATION" SINCE IT WAS MUTUALLY AGREED DURING ROUND I TALKS THAT AGREED PROCEDURES WOULD BE NEEDED. HE SAID USSR DEL WAS NOW READY TO "CONSIDER" US METHODS.

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8. US REP (MEYERS) MADE BRIEF PRESENTATIONS ON FORM OF POSSIBLE JOINT INITIATIVE AND TECHNICAL EXCHANGE VISITS. HE SAID US STRONGLY PREFERS TO HAVE JOINT INITIATIVE TAKE FORM OF AGREED PRINCIPLES RATHER THAN TREATY DRAFT; HE DEFINED TERM "PRINCIPLES" AS MEANING "KEY ELEMENTS" AND ASKED FOR SOVIET VIEWS. US REP ALSO SAID THAT USG "CONTINUES TO BELIEVE THAT TECHNICAL EXCHANGE VISITS COULD FACILITATE THE WORK OF THE CCD IN THE AREA OF CW LIMITATIONS, AND AGAIN SUGGESTS THAT THETWO SIDES COOPERATE IN THIS ENDEAVOR." USSR REP ASKED IF USSR DEL UNDERSTANDING THAT NO EXPERTS WOULD PARTICIPATE IN TECHNICAL EXCHANGE VISITS WAS CORRECT. US REP SAID THAT BOTH EXPERTS AND DIPLOMATS WOULD PARTICIPATE. USSR REP STATED THAT HE DID NOT SEE HOW TECHNICAL EXCHANGE VISITS WOULD HELP ON ISSUE OF VERIFICATION BECAUSE, WHILE ENLIGHTENING, IT WOULD "NOT CHANGE DIPLOMATS' POLITICAL WILL." THEN HE STATED ... THAT HE DID NOT REPEAT NOT

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FEEL DISCUSSION OF TECHNICAL EXCHANGE VISITS WAS"IMMEDIATELY
RELATED TO THE PURPOSE OF OUR CW BILATERALS" AND THAT THE
ISSUE COULD BE "TAKEN UP AT A LATER TIME."

9. IT WAS AGREED TO HOLD NEXT MEETING AFTERNOON,APRIL 6,
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